

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS**

<b>Minutes of:</b>	<b>Special Meeting of the Milpitas City Council</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 12, 2019</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Barbara Lee Senior Center, Rooms 140/141 40 N. Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas</b>

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Tran called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and City Clerk Mary Lavelle called the roll.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Dominguez, Councilmembers Montano and Nuñez

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Phan was absent at roll call. He arrived shortly after the meeting started.

Senior staff present: City Manager Julie Edmonds-Mares, Interim Finance Director Jane Corpus, City Attorney Heather Lee and all Department Heads.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Councilmember Nuñez and second by Vice Mayor Dominguez, the agenda was approved by a vote of four in favor.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Joseph Erhardt, representative of the Milpitas Historical Society (MHS), expressed the non-profit's concerns, in a letter to the Council regarding display of historical items at the Great Mall. MHS wanted to work with the City to have a favorable outcome at seeking space to display the items in a new location if the Mall could not accommodate all of the material currently on display.

Councilmember Nuñez would like this topic to go on the next City Council agenda.

A man resident expressed concern about safety and security in the City and he'd spoken with Milpitas police officers. City budget should include funding for safety and cameras.

A woman resident would like money allocated for "CCTV" closed circuit television, for video surveillance on City streets to help the police to find suspects or criminals.

Police Chief Armando Corpuz responded that there was a CIP project for license plate readers (not including cameras).

A woman resident with her child, a 10 year resident, felt safety was getting much worse, and supported having cameras around the City for safety of residents and to help the police.

Evan, a resident since 2002, addressed Council with concerns about crime, noting the number of crime incidents in Milpitas he found reported online. He felt there was high rise in crime and would like closed circuit tv cameras around the City for safety.

A woman resident described an incident of a break-in at her home and a need to call the police to help her family. Also her neighbor's home was broken into recently.

Mike Novotny, resident of The Pines neighborhood, was concerned about the proposal for a permit parking program in his neighborhood. A lot more planning must be done on the details of the plan if it is approved and rolled out. He'd sent an email to the Council. Carl, lived on Petersburg Drive for about 6-7 years, voiced support for a CCTV system and had a seven months old child. A suspect was recently apprehended in his back yard.

Tommy, a resident, lived near the park, and was concerned about kids hanging out there. Having cameras around the City would help the police and keep people safe.

A woman resident had seen a lot of broken glass around the neighborhoods in the City so she strongly supported having CCTV.

Sherry, a resident, supported having CCTV for keeping crime low and many new residents safe, as BART opens in the City.

Cindy, a long time resident, strongly supported having CCTV and knew that this was the major concern of people, including around commercial areas in the City.

Grace, 30 year resident of Milpitas, felt the City was very safe when her family moved into their home and kids grew up here. However, things have changed. City Council really listened to people, so bring technology or cameras to protect them.

Councilmember Montano clarified to the audience, in reply to comments from speakers, that the City Manager directed work related to relocation of a homeless encampment, based on the whole Council's direction.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** Acting City Attorney Heather Lee asked the City Council if any members had any conflicts of interest, and none were reported.

## **STUDY SESSION FY 2019-2024 CIP**

City Manager Julie Edmonds-Mares introduced the process for the evening. City Engineer Steve Erickson would cover the topic of the five-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2018-23. He began with a timeline for the City Council, and a basic overview of what the CIP is and how to read the large document. He asked Council to receive his presentation and then staff would respond to questions and input from the Council.

Mr. Erickson identified CIP challenges, both in financing and construction. The 5-year CIP was prepared each year consisting of six major categories: improvements for Community, Parks, Streets, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drains. The City Engineer discussed funding sources for the various CIP projects, and the relationship to the next Fiscal Year's budget.

Seven budget priorities previously identified by City Council included: Public Safety, Transportation & Transit, Economic Development & Job Growth, Neighborhoods & Housing, Government & Administration, Environment, and Community Wellness & Open Space. This list was based on a recent Council retreat, and reflected updated priorities from five identified in the previous year.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers on funding in the CIP for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant facility, assistance to VTA for HOV lane improvements, and other projects completed by developers or other government agencies, in which Milpitas participated.

24 new projects were identified in the CIP for FY 2019-24. Staff listed and reviewed projects in each of the six categories, and answered questions on several of those projects.

Councilmember Nuñez asked the Chief of Police to comment on crime, since speakers mentioned an increase in crime. Chief Corpuz noted overall in Milpitas crime was down versus prior year while auto burglaries and break-ins as a category increased in 2019. Councilmember Phan asked the Chief for details on the capability of security cameras if those were ultimately installed in the City.

An update to the adopted Climate Action Plan (CAP) by the Public Works Department was identified by staff as a major project. Councilmembers sought understanding of past actions on the CAP, its status (last updated in 2013), and wanted to support this important environmental document. Community engagement was a part of this effort.

The Transit Area Specific Plan (TASP) Community Facility Building (in a location to be determined near or in a TASP park) at \$16,000,000 was a large project upcoming identified by staff. Councilmembers sought more information on what the Transit Area Specific Plan fees, which have been collected by the city as developments have been constructed, could be expended towards specifically. Also identified was the potential future Police substation.

The City Engineer explained that the pedestrian overcrossing at Piper Drive in the Transit Area was on track, and would be constructed by the VTA, going out for bids soon. Another CIP a pedestrian overcrossing near Trade Zone Blvd. was in the design phase.

An update to the Parks Master Plan, looking at park uses, park land and facilities were identified as another significant upcoming CIP. Councilmembers expressed a desire to review the existing ten year old document, so Recreation Director Renee Lorentzen agreed to provide that information.

Traffic calming was discussed, and Councilmembers asked Mr. Erickson to define that term. Speed humps, narrowing a street, special sidewalks and flashing lights, and other measures could comprise traffic calming measures. Funds would be spent on a speed survey and traffic counts, with potential improvements to follow.

Traffic Engineer Steve Chan identified the intent of traffic modeling to find key congestion points in the city and to improve on those, in a study. It would also find how best to move traffic in key corridors for both residents and people coming in to Milpitas to work each day. Councilmember Nuñez felt this should be done in concert with other agencies including BART and VTA.

Several Councilmembers mentioned the previously identified need for these issues to be discussed by a Transportation Commission of residents and/or a Transit Subcommittee of the Council. Community should be involved in roads and traffic issues.

Councilmember Nuñez inquired about the bridge over Calaveras Blvd, and need to rebuild that (not a city road), and asked about an overall plan for streets, like a Master Plan that exists for other city functions. Planning Director Ned Thomas reminded Council that there would be a Transportation element in the General Plan, as it gets developed, and it would incorporate these major streets needs and work planned in the future.

Traffic Engineer Chan stated the City had not done a city wide traffic calming study, in reply to Vice Mayor Dominguez, while there had been implementation of several specific

projects. The Vice Mayor was concerned that a study city-wide had not been conducted, though data had been collected over the years.

Planning Director Thomas commented on status of work on the General Plan update, referring to a transportation element to be tied directly to land use, in the coming year.

City Manager Edmonds-Mares acknowledged the sense of urgency on transportation matters and staff would take that back, on streets. The General Plan was fully funded, so the City was in good shape on that. Council would like to get the Subcommittee up and running. On traffic modeling, staff would wait until BART opened. In reply to a Councilmember, it was noted that gas tax was not eligible to spend on the General Plan.

Police Chief Corpuz explained the automated license plate readers and the potential traffic cameras for security purposes near the BART station or other locations. Mr. Chan described fixed low resolution cameras in specific locations that do not move around. Councilmember Phan inquired about multi-use 360 type cameras for the city.

Next, two sections were reviewed rapidly, with only two project for Water & Sewer utilities, and the Stormwater section of the CIP. Councilmember Montano asked about Measure B funds, and staff showed where those were identified in the CIP document.

Following a short break, the City Council reconvened to discuss unidentified funding needs within the CIP, with a total of \$169 million, with \$42 million of that for recycled water projects. Mr. Erickson displayed a listing of major Community Improvements, Parks, Streets, and Storm Sewer System with significant funding needs. There was no dedicated funding source for stormwater project needs. Funding strategy should be determined, including for the Fire Station 2 rebuilding project at a cost over \$21 million, which may include bond financing.

Financial Consultant Jim Steele discussed and explained approaches to financing long term projects, and an approach using bond financing, spreading out costs over many years. This could be a strategic way to complete city projects over time. He provided a tentative schedule while the Assistant City Manager described going to voters in 2020.

Councilmember Nuñez described funding for projects, over a more limited scope of five or six years, rather than the 30 years mentioned by staff for bond issuance with limited risk for this debt. This was an approach used by schools, he noted.

Mayor Tran asked about how older City buildings were built in the past, and staff replied those were funded through bonds and redevelopment.

Mr. Erickson completed his staff presentation with the timeline for the proposed 5 Year CIP.

Mayor Tran thanked the City staff for their efforts at this meeting, and thanked the City Council for their questions and feedback on the draft CIP.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tran adjourned the special meeting at 9:17 PM.

**The foregoing minutes were approved by Milpitas City Council on April 2, 2019.**

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**Mary Lavelle, Milpitas City Clerk**